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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Ronda M. Allen et al.) Group Art Unit: 1652
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Serial No.: 09/648,641) Examiner: R. Hutson
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For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING)
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Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001. The period for reply has been extended three months by the Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I, claims 1 to 19;
- Group II, claims 20 to 22;
- Group III, claims 20, 21, and 23; and
- Group IV, claims 24-26.

Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-19, without traverse.

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